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SUBJ : METRIC MARKINGS

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED REF A WITH BLACKWOOD HODGE (BH) SALES
MANAGER CUTTER WHO SAID BH USING METRIC NOMENCLATURE IN
FILLING OUT CUSTOMS FORMS FOR ITS IMPORTED TIRES INCLUDING
THOSE WITH NONMETRIC MARKINGS. NIGERIAN CUSTOMS AUTHROTIES
AUTHORITIES ACCEPT THIS ARRANGEMENT.

2. CUTTER ADVISED THAT EMBASSY NOT REPEAT NOT RAISE QUESTIONS
PER REF A WITH CUSTOMS OFFICIALS, BECAUSE ACTION MAY TRIGGER
REGOROUS ENFORCEMENT OF LITERAL TEXT OF DECREE, I.E. ADMIT
ENTRY TO METRICALLY MARKED TRADED GOODS ONLY. EMBASSY CONCURS
WITH CUTTER'S JUDGEMENT. SINCE CUSTOMS OFFICIALS ACCEPTING
NONMETRIC OR DUAL MARKINGS ON GOODS IF CUSTOMS DECLARATIONS
ARE FILLED OUT IN METRIC EQUIVALENTS, EMBASSY QUESTIONS
REPRESENTATIONS ON SPECIFIC PRODUCTS WHERE NOT NECESSARY
AND WOULD ONLY ROCK THE BOAT.

3. EMBASSY CONTINUES TO BELIEVE (REF B) U.S. FIRMS CAN
SAFELY EXPORT TRADED GOODS TO NIGERIA WITH DUAL MARKINGS
PENDING FMG'S DEFINITIVE INTERPRETATION OF DECREE. IN
FIRESTONE'S CASE, DUAL LABELING APPARENTLY NOT NECESSARY, BUT
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EMBASSY RECOMMENDS USE TEMPRARY METRIC LABELS AS INSURANCE.

4. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR LIBERAL INTERPREATATION
OF DECREE IN GENERAL AT OFFICE DIRECTOR AND PERMSEC LEVEL.
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